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Interviews: 502 adults
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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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502 interviews is +4.5%***

1. Now that the House of Representatives has passed articles of impeachment against President Clinton and sent the matter to the U.S. Senate, which one of the following do you think is the best way to bring the impeachment issue to an end -- (A) move to dismiss the charges as soon as possible, (B) hold a full-scale trial with witnesses, to determine whether or not to remove President Clinton from office, or (C) have a limited trial without any witnesses, take a preliminary vote, and try to negotiate a censure compromise.

A -- Move to dismiss the charges as soon as possible...	30	[139]
B -- Hold a full-scale trial.....	31	
C -- Have a limited trial/censure compromise.....	37	
Other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	-	

2. Do you think that the U.S. Senate should or should not convict President Clinton and remove him from office?

Should convict President Clinton and remove him from office.....	36	[140]
Should not convict President Clinton and remove him from office...	57	
Not sure.....	7	

3. Do you think that the Senate will or will not conduct a fair impeachment trial?

Will conduct a fair trial.....	50	[141]
Will not conduct a fair trial.....	32	
Depends (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	10	

- 4a. In a Senate trial, do you think that the Senate should or should not call witnesses, including Monica Lewinsky, to testify?

Should call witnesses.....	44	[142]
Should not call witnesses.....	52	

Not sure..... 4

- 4b. As you may know, the Senate has the option of hearing testimony in private. If the Senate does decide to hear testimony in private, do you think that that testimony should or should not be made public?

Should be made public.....	48	[143]
Should not be made public.....	48	
Not sure.....	4	

5. Which of the following statements better describes your feelings about having an impeachment trial in the U.S. Senate?

Statement A: A Senate trial will hurt the nation, because things will not get done and will become too partisan and polarized.

Statement B: A Senate trial will not hurt the nation, because things will continue to get done and we will be able to work through our differences.

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Statement A/will hurt nation.....	45	56	
Statement B/will not hurt nation.....	51	39	
Neither (VOL).....	2	3	
Not sure.....	2	2	

6. Has your opinion of the Republican Party become more favorable, become less favorable, or stayed the same over the past year? (**IF "MORE FAVORABLE" OR "LESS FAVORABLE," ASK:**) Are you (**MORE/LESS**) favorable because of the way the Republicans have (A) handled the investigation and impeachment of President Clinton, (B) addressed specific issues facing society, or (C) has your opinion changed because of something else?

More favorable -- way they handled the investigation and impeachment....	8	[145-146]
More favorable -- specific issues facing society.....	3	
More favorable -- both (VOL).....	4	
More favorable -- something else.....	2	
Less favorable -- way they handled the investigation and impeachment....	25	
Less favorable -- specific issues facing society.....	5	
Less favorable -- both (VOL).....	6	
Less favorable -- something else.....	3	
Opinion stayed the same.....	41	
Not sure.....	3	
<i>Total Less Favorable--Way They Handled The Investigation And Impeachment/Less Favorable--Both.....</i>	<i>31</i>	

7. If a person holding high public office committed adultery in the past, do you think that that person lacks the personal character and integrity to hold that office, or not?

Yes, lacks the personal character and integrity.....	23	[147]
No, does not lack the personal character and integrity..	68	
Not sure.....	9	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? (**IF REFUSED, ASK:**) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18 - 24.....	10	[148-149]
25 - 29.....	8	
30 - 34.....	8	
35 - 39.....	11	
40 - 44.....	11	
45 - 49.....	10	
50 - 54.....	11	
55 - 59.....	7	
60 - 64.....	6	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused/not sure.....	1	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (**IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:**) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (**IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN."**) (**IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:**) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	19	[150]
Not very strong Democrat.....	12	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly independent.....	20	
Independent/lean Republican.....	7	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	
Strong Republican.....	15	
Other.....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F3. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (**IF NO:**) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	4	[151]
White.....	82	
Black.....	9	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- F4. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$20,000.....	10	[152]
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	15	
Between \$30,000 and \$50,000.....	23	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	19	
More than \$75,000.....	21	
Not sure/refused.....	12	